



# South Central News

Printed, Published & Promoted by South Central Region on behalf of the Liberal Democrats, all at 77 Oakwood Drive, Bletchley MK2 2JG

*The newsletter from your South Central Regional Executive*

*November 2012*

## Regional Conference Great Success

The South Central Region Autumn Conference in Chandler's Ford, Hants, was declared a great success by all who attended.

With the keynote speeches by members of the Coalition Government, MPs Tom Brake, Don Foster and Vince Cable plus MEP Sharon Bowles and our two Police and Crime Commission candidates there was a lot to do. In addition, there were some controversial motions and a packed training session on social media.

South Central Region also launched their new **Special Service Award**. The first award was given to **John Wall**, from **North West Hants** for his 55 years of active work with the Party.

The Focus competition was won by **Louise Bloom** from **Eastleigh** with the 2nd prize to **Therese Evans** of **Meon Valley**.



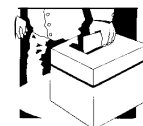
*Vince Cable MP presenting the Special Service Award to John Wall.*



### STUNNING VICTORY

Simon Werner (centre) beat the Tories by just 8 votes in the Pinkneys Green by-election in Windsor and Maidenhead UA. Well done to all who helped.

## By-election Corner



### Key Double By-Election in OxWAb

Oxford West & Abingdon Lib Dems face a double by-election in a marginal ward they lost by only 148 votes in May 2011. The vacancies in Sunningwell & Wootton ward have been caused by non-attendance in one case and resignation in the other.

**This will be the first by-election since OxWAb was designated a Strategic Seat and they are determined to win both seats back from the Tories!**

If you are able to help in any way please **contact** Campaign Manager Neil Fawcett now at [neilmfawcett@gmail.com](mailto:neilmfawcett@gmail.com)

- They will be running telephone canvassing via Connect and will be happy to help people get started with it.

**Thursday, 15 November  
Battins ward, Havant BC**

Reason for by-election: Resignation LD Candidate: Faith Ponsonby (who used to be the councillor there until losing in May)  
**Contact for helpers:** Faith Ponsonby [baytreemum@aol.com](mailto:baytreemum@aol.com) 01243 372825

## EUROPEAN HUSTINGS

**Don't forget** to go! The Returning Officer will be available and you can ask candidates questions.



- **Saturday, 3 November** at Bishopstoke Community Association, Sydney Road, **Eastleigh** SO50 6DJ from 2-6pm latest.
- **Saturday, 10 November** at Riverside Community Centre, Rosemoor Gardens, **Newbury** RG14 2FG from 2-6pm latest.

# 2013 REGIONAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

The following have been elected to serve South Central Region in 2013

## • OFFICERS OF REGION

**Chair:** Liz Leffman

**Vice-chair:** Tahir Maher

**Secretary:** Ian Morton

**Treasurer:** Steve Sollitt

**President:** Sandra Gidley

**European Officer:** Kathy Newbound

**Diversity Officer:** Ruwan Uduwera-Perera

**Chair, Candidates Committee:** Rosalyn Gordon

## • MEMBERS OF REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

**Ordinary Members of the Exec (4):** Neil Fawcett, Robert Gilmore, John Wall and Simon Werner

**Berks Ordinary Members of the Exec (1):**

Tony Vickers

**Bucks Ordinary Member of the Exec (1):**

Cec Tallack

**Hants Ordinary Members of the Exec (2):**

Penny Hopkins and Faith Ponsonby

**Oxon Ordinary Members of the Exec (1):**

Chris Carrigan

## • MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

**Regional Candidates Committee (6):**

Sandra Gidley, Steve Lambert, Cec Tallack, Ruwan Uduwera-Perera and Tony Vickers

**Chair, Conference Committee:** Neil Stuart

**Regional Conference Committee (2):**

Mavis Greenhalgh and Penny Hopkins

**Chair, Policy Committee:** Simon Pike

**Regional Policy Committee (3):** Gareth Epps and Alan Mallyon

## • ENGLISH COUNCIL

**Chair ex officio:** Liz Leffman

**English Council Representatives (16):**

Chris Carrigan, Ken Cosslett, Helen Craggs, Robert Gilmore, Penny Hopkins, Jenese Joseph, Tahir Maher, Vanessa McPake, Kathy Newbound, Simon Pike, Steve Sollitt, Ruwan Uduwera-Perera, Gerald Vernon-Jackson and Neil Walton.



Liz Leffman,  
re-elected Chair

# Diary Dates

To place your entry in this column contact the Regional Office (see bottom for contact details).



## • Friday, 16th November

**Meon Valley Annual Dinner with Danny Alexander MP.** 7.30 pm at Solent Hotel Whiteley (just off M27) £32 pp. **Contact** to book your place either contact Therese: thereseevan@googlemail.com or Vivien: vivian.achwal@gmail.com

## • Friday, 23rd November

**Aylesbury Lib Dems Annual Dinner with Baroness Susan Kramer,** Lib Dem Lords' Treasury spoke at Hardings restaurant at Aylesbury College Oxford Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8PD. 7.30 pm start, cost: £25 pp\* for delicious 3course 'silver service' style restaurant dinner. **Contact** Joan Poole 01296 670644 or info@littlelearners123.com or call the Aylesbury LD Office on 01296 395511

\* discounts apply for Liberal Youth Members

## • Friday, 23 November

**Newbury Dinner, Vince Cable speaker** at Regency Park Hotel, Bowling Green Road, Thatcham. Cost: members £35, non members £45. 7.45 for 8.15. **Contact** Denise Gaines for tickets and info: denisegaines5@hotmail.com

## South Central 2012 REGIONAL OFFICERS CONTACT DETAILS



**President: Sandra Gidley** tel: 07919 538263  
e-mail: sandra.gidley@sky.com

**Chair: Liz Leffman** tel: 07741 073088  
e-mail: liz@lizleffman.org.uk

**Vice-Chair: Tahir Maher** tel: 07894 469933  
e-mail: tahir.maher@tubelines.com

**Secretary: Ian Morton** tel: 07876 538400  
e-mail: morton@ianqpr.freeseve.co.uk

**Treasurer: Steve Sollitt** tel: 02380 653790  
e-mail: ssollitt2302@sky.com

**Recruitment Officer: Gareth Epps** tel: 07950 035836  
e-mail: garethepps@googlemail.com

**European Officer: Kathy Newbound** tel: 01628 633073  
kathy.newbound@btinternet.com

**Chair, Candidates Com: Rosalyn Gordon** tel: 07980 757388  
rosalyn.gordon@hotmail.co.uk

### South Central Regional Office

**Staff: Vanessa McPake** tel: 01908 373418  
e-mail: southcentralld@btconnect.com

<http://southcentrallibdems.org.uk/>  
77 Oakwood Drive, Bletchley MK2 2JG

## VACANCIES

Region has the following vacancies:

- Recruitment Officer
- Isle of Wight member of the Regional Exec
- 1 member of Candidates Committee
- 1 member of Policy Committee
- 2 members of English Council



To apply contact the Regional Office ►►